

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

**Please amend the abstract as follows:**

~~The present invention enables to decode plural streams composing a multiplexed stream by one decoding means.~~ A decoder is provided which includes ~~of the present invention~~ comprises a demultiplexing unit means 102 for separating a multiplexed stream into plural streams by a demultiplexing process and a decoding unit means 109 for carrying out a decoding process for one of the plural separated streams, ~~and~~ wherein the decoder selects one of the plural separated streams to output the same to the decoding ~~means~~ unit such that a decoding process for one stream in the decoding ~~means~~ unit is switched to a decoding process for another stream. The decoder is thus able to decode plural streams composing a multiplexed stream with one decoding unit.